

Science Hill High School Band

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Dear Topper Band Members,

Welcome to the 2010 edition of the 'Topper Marching Band. We have a wonderful show in store for our fans this fall. Our show, entitled The Road Not Taken, is based on the Robert Frost poem by the same name. The music should be extremely enjoyable to listen to and perform. There are no Thursday night music rehearsals this summer but we will be having full wind/percussion/colorguard sectionals the week before full band camp (see dates below).

This letter contains most of the information you will need for band camp. Copies of our band handbook will be available for anyone on our website when posted. Please read over the following items:

- Band Camp Schedule
- Expectations for camp
- Fall Marching Band schedule: All rehearsals / performances
- School field trip release form (allows us to medically treat; required by school)
- T-shirt order form (*pre-order shirts for family members will only be taken at band camp registration – Sunday, July 25, 2-5 pm*)

The band office will be closed from June 21 – July 9th this year. However, you can contact any of us through our e-mail addresses below and we will respond to you in a timely fashion. If you have any conflicts with camp that may jeopardize your participation please contact us ASAP.

Here's to a great fall,

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Band Camp Dates:

June 7-11 – Colorguard Camp, 1-6 pm

July 12-13 – Percussion Mini-Camp, 9-5 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

July 19-23

Rising 9th grade camp – 9–12 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

Wind Sectionals (All winds, grades 9-12) – 1-3:30 pm

Percussion camp – 9-5 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

Guard Camp – 9-5 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

July 25 (Sunday) – Band Camp Registration, 2-5 pm, Bandroom

July 26-30 – Full Band Camp, 8 am – 9 pm daily

July 30 – Camp performance & Band Booster Meeting.

August 4 – First day of school, rehearsal until 4 pm

Band Camp Registration

July 25 (Sunday), 2-5 pm, Bandroom

Students will drop-in for registration in the bandroom. During this time students will take care of any paperwork including:

balance of camp fee (\$50/\$100)

pick up band t-shirt (free for students)

order parent t-shirts (form attached)

turn in completed release form

pay instrument rental fee (\$50)

receive band locker

order accessories (see prices below)

purchase lyre/flip folders (if needed)

Prices for accessories:

Shoes - \$32.00

Gloves - \$2.50 (will need a white and black pair)

Poncho - \$6.00

Garment Bag - \$14.00 (optional)

Roll Bag - \$11.00 (optional)

Sport Bag - \$24.00 (optional)

July 26-30 – Full Band Camp, 8 am – 9 pm daily

Daily Schedule:

8 am – depart from bandroom in marching block to practice field – fundamentals and drill in the morning

12 pm – march back to bandroom for lunch (you must provide your own lunch, **you cannot leave campus**)

1 pm -3 pm - Music Sectionals

3:30 pm – 5 pm - Full band rehearsal

5 pm – Dinner in 10/12 cafeteria, provided by SHHS Band Boosters **you cannot leave campus**

6 pm -9 pm - Evening marching rehearsals at practice field

Friday, July 30 – Parent Night, 6 pm. The band will have their regular rehearsal while the Band Boosters will host their first meeting of the year in the 10/12 cafeteria. Immediately following the meeting everyone will adjourn to the stadium or practice field for the end of camp performance. The band will perform in their new show shirts and pre-ordered shirts will be available for parents to pick-up at the meeting.

On the First day of school (Wednesday, August 4th), we will have an extended rehearsal **until 4 PM.** The first day is only a half day, but we will rehearse after school dismisses. Do not make any plans or appointments after school on this day. We will learn the pre-game drill for the season during this rehearsal.

Camp Expectations:

All students are required to attend camp the entire day. Please do not schedule appointments during band camp or on regular rehearsal days (Mondays-Tuesdays-Thursdays) during the school year. There are no after school rehearsals on Wednesdays; they are open each week for appointments.

Adequate sleep and food are vital for the student to feel healthy in the heat of the day. Breakfast is a must with lots of carbohydrates. A lunch that includes a non-carbonated drink and plenty of protein and carbohydrates gives the body fuel to burn. A balanced dinner will help the body to recover for the next day.

Things you need for camp:

- hat
- sunscreen (you will get sunburned without)
- flip folder and lyre
- pencil
- **three ringed binder with ten (10) clear protective sheets that will hold your show music, coordinate sheet, and drill book**
- athletic shoes with socks (no flip flops, crocks, boots, etc.)
- personal water jug
- eat a good breakfast
- lunch (please no carbonated drinks)

Guidelines for camp:

- Be on time each morning; laps will be assigned at break for tardies
- No visitors during the day
- You cannot leave campus or hang out in the parking lot
- Respect others including the staff and your fellow students
- Have your instrument in good playing condition
- Follow directions **the first time**
- The SHHS student handbook will be followed for all band activities.

2010 Marching Band Dates:

August 20 – Football, Away (Pep Band)

August 27 – Football, Away

August 28 – Pledge Carwash (8-12 pm)

September 3 – Football, Home

September 10 – Football, (Homecoming)

September 17 – Football, Home

September 25 – Marching Contest – Dobyns-Bennett

October 1 – Football, Away

October 2 – Marching Contest - Spartanburg, SC

October 8 – Football, Away

October 9 – Marching Contest – Salem, VA

October 14 (Thursday) – Football, Home

October 22 – Football, Away

October 23 – Marching Contest – Appalachian State

October 29 – Football, Home (Sr. Night)

November 5 – State Playoffs, TBA

December 3 – Johnson City Christmas Parade, 6:30PM

December 13 – Winter Concert, 7 pm

December 14 – Winter Concert, 7 pm

Call time for each football game is 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:

Mondays – 1pm - 3:30 pm

Tuesdays – 1 pm - 3:30 pm

Wednesdays – 1 pm – 2:40 pm

Thursdays – 1 pm – 4:00 pm

Fridays – 1 pm – 2:40 pm

Students will march back to the bandroom at the end of each practice and can be picked-up at the SHHS 10/12 bandroom (3:45ish M/T, and 4:15ish on Thursdays).

2010 Band T-Shirt Order Form

Band members will wear these under our band uniforms for all home games and performances.
Students will have one supplied as part of their band camp fee.

Band t-shirt orders for parents will be taken during Band Camp Registration: Sunday, July 25, 2-5 pm in the bandroom. Please complete the form below and bring (or send with student) to registration. Shirts will be available on July 30th during the end of camp performance and cookout.

Parent name _____ Phone number _____

Studnet name _____

T-shirt sizes: (Adult) S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Cost: \$10.00 each S-XL, \$12.00 each XX and XXXL

#of shirts

sizes

Total amount

Checks should be made payable to SHHS Band.

